



Building His Body  
By  
Reflecting the Son

**September 2013**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**8:45 am Fellowship**  
**9:05 am Sunday School**  
**&**  
**Bible Study**  
**10:15 am Worship**

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# TRINITY TIDBITS

A monthly newsletter for the people of Trinity Lutheran Church of Sealy, Texas



**STUDYING GOD'S WORD**  
"Christian Education, a spiritual discipline from the cradle to the grave"

"Just how important is it to be in touch with God's Word?" ONLY as important as it is to be touched by God Himself, for it is in His Word that God touches us with His love and grace and blessing!

Dr. Martin Luther wrote in The Large Catechism about keeping the Sabbath day holy: "God's Word is the treasure that sanctifies everything."

We have daily opportunities to let the power of God in His Word touch our lives. As we take up devotional booklets and daily Bible readings, God reaches out to touch us. Especially on Sundays, God's Word touches us with His accusation of our sin and His proclamation of grace and forgiveness. In Sunday School we bring our little ones to Jesus, "that He might touch them" with His blessing and bestow on them the promise of His kingdom. The divine service is filled with God's Word, in prayer and song, reading and proclamation!

Dr. Luther continues: "You must continually have God's Word in your heart, upon your lips and in your ears. Where the heart is unoccupied and the Word does not sound, Satan breaks in and has done the damage before we are aware. On the other hand, the Word possesses such power wherever seriously considered, heeded, and put into practice, that it never remains barren of fruit. It always awakens new thoughts, new pleasures and devotions, and cleanses the heart and its meditations. These are not inert or dead words, but active and living, and although no other interest or need impel us to the Word, yet everyone should be induced to use it by the fact that thereby Satan is put to flight and hunted down."

It is in God's written Word that we are addressed by the Incarnate Word, to hear His invitation: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Mat 11:28-30 NIV) Through the promise of God's Word, we lay down the burden of our sin at the foot of Christ's cross.

**How important is it to be in touch with the Word of God?**  
**Only as important as LIFE itself!**

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." (Col 3:16 NIV)

– Pastor Gilbert Franke



**Church members, please sign the attendance sheet with each family member names including children each Sunday you are in church so the office may keep an accurate attendance.**

**Introduce yourself to visitors in your pew and encourage them to sign the attendance sheet and make them feel welcome!**


**HAPPY BIRTHDAY Birthdays for the Month!**

9/01 Jenna Hein	9/07 Marla Sams	9/18 Kari Furey
9/01 Cassidy Meyer	9/07 DRAKE GRIGAR	9/19 Kathleen Grigar
9/02 Dolores Cain	9/08 Phyllis Sams	Bobby Biss
9/02 TAYLOR CASH	9/09 Patricia Grigar	9/20 Carol Schuknecht
9/02 Shane Every	9/09 Kellie Kainer	9/24 Brian Laake
9/02 Laci Tesch	9/09 Jake Schiller	9/25 Brandi Hobratschk
9/02 Russell Dziadek	9/10 Janice Wied	9/27 BRIANA KENT
9/02 Deborah Christiansen	9/10 CORY BARRETT	Stacie Leiber
9/03 Shirley Schier	9/10 Aaron Kutra	9/29 Terri Julian
9/05 Jeanie Boehm	9/10 Billy Schaffner	9/29 Dana Ekarius
9/05 Ethel Donnelly	9/11 Jimmie Meyer	
9/05 Loretta Dziadek	9/16 Georgia Wied	
9/05 Robert Fait	9/16 Alan Julian	
9/05 Leisha Harrison		
9/07 JAYLEN TESCH		


**Happy Anniversary**

*Let's rejoice with these couples as they celebrate the designated anniversaries.*

9/02/1967 Fay and Larry Alexander	9/12/1998 David and Brenda Cash
9/07/2002 Jason and Kellie Kainer	9/19/1998 Robert and Marie Herridge
9/08/1990 Tracy and Marty Schiller	9/20/1980 Brad and Maggie Kent
	9/20/2003 Justin and Laci Tesch


**Prayers for Nursing Home Residents**  
\*Ellie Michaels  
 Tuscan Community Assistant Living  
 28019 Norfolk Trail Ct.  
 Katy, TX 77494  
 House phone – 281-574-9724  
 Manager of Tuscan Community Living is – 832-361-4064  
\*Eddie Svinky - Colonial Belle – Sealy  
\*Louise Kinsey - Colonial Belle – Sealy  

**Sympathy for the family of Lillie Wittenburg who went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, September 20, 2013. Please keep the family in your prayers.**


**Shut Ins**  
\*Edd and Clara Gerstenberger  
 Kruse Village Long Term Care  
 1700 East Stone Room 213  
 Strawberry Lane  
 Brenham, TX 77833  
\*Bernice Hintz  
 P. O. Box 1651  
 Brenham, TX 77833  
 979-289-2568  
\*Lavonn Schier  
 Caretakers: John and Shirley Schier  
 4726 Oxbow Circle East  
 Fulshear, TX 77441-4448  
 281-346-0452  
\*Joyce Meyer  
 10563 Kulow Rd.  
 Sealy, TX 77474  
 979-865-8295  
\*Jo-Anne Gilliam  
 2545 Hwy 159 E.  
 Fayetteville, TX 78940  
 979-966-8587


 Patty and I would like to thank all the members of Trinity for such a wonderful welcome. We really enjoyed seeing so many wonderful “old” members and meeting some new ones. Of all the congregations I have served, Trinity feels more like “home” than the others. If our daughter Theresa and her family were not so firmly planted here in this area, we would have undoubtedly moved back to spend our retirement years with you. I hope you invite us again next year. God’s richest blessings.

**In Christ**  
**Pastor Dettmer**



Thank you to all that donated items to the Sweet Walk at the Church BBQ. We were overwhelmed with all the sweet treats that were given out as prizes. Everyone that played had a blast and took home lots of treats. We made \$200 for the church. God's blessings to all that helped make this game a success.

**Mary and Johanna Buechmann**


**Preschool Pancake Breakfast!** – Please come and support the preschool with a love donation and enjoy some pancakes and sausage on Monday September 9th, 7:45 am – 8:30 am. Proceeds from this event will be utilized for teacher training and fingerprinting.

# Thrivent Financial for Lutherans™

Many changes have taken place with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in recent months. Grace Holtkamp has agreed to serve as a congregational Advocate for Trinity. As she receives information about these changes, she will be able to help you with any questions you may have.



**HANDBELL CHOIR!** Handbell Choir rehearsals will start September 8, 2013. Rehearsals will be on Sundays at 5:00 pm. You do not need to know anything about music to participate. A minimum of seven people is needed to have a choir. Contact Pam Epperly [pepperly@academicplanet.com](mailto:pepperly@academicplanet.com) or 885-6993 for more information.



**BLOOD DRIVE – Trinity Lutheran Church!** Roll up your sleeves! A Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, September 29, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **DROP-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!** To schedule an appointment, visit [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org) and login to Digital Donor, enter sponsor code 1881 or... contact Jimmie Meyer at 979-885 -2211.



**Wow!!** What an incredible day we had at the annual bbq! Thank you to each and every member who played any part of making the day a huge success-it was truly a team effort, worth every moment of hard work. The room looked like a big family picnic, and everyone seemed to have a great time visiting while they were eating. I know we were all concerned about the change, but I think it was well received by all. Thank you again for all your efforts!

*Janice Wied, Auction Chair*



What a day we had at the BBQ!  
Right? I was so impressed and proud of the way

everything went off. Great planning and preparation followed by terrific execution and follow through!

Thank you to all who helped, contributed and enjoyed the BBQ to make it a success!

Pastor Franke



## BBQ Figures!

Figures from the BBQ:

Live & Silent Auctions \$5,491.00

Sweet Walk: \$200.00

Ladies Aid Desserts: \$498.05

Left Over Food Sales: \$357.00

Ticket Sales (643) \$5,787.00 + 39.00 donations.

The only expense I know of that wasn't covered by donations is all the extra electricity we used! God is good!!!



## Seniors' Day Luncheon



Senior Day Luncheon!

**When:** Wednesday, Sept. 4th!

**Time:** 12:15 pm

**Sign Up To Attend!!** Our next Senior Day Luncheon at Trinity is Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm. Enjoy Lunch! Play Bingo! Play Dominoes Or Just Have Lunch with Us! Remember to invite your friends and neighbors. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Come and Enjoy the Fellowship and Food!!

**If you have any questions please contact:**

**Mary Buechmann-885-2730**

**Antoinette Romano-885-7932**

**Geraldine Barrett-885-3450**



## Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran ladies Aid met after church on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, for a brief meeting with Betty Herridge, Vice President, opening the meeting.

Betty Richter and Betty Herridge will be hostesses for September.

Norma Pavelka observed her birthday on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Vivian and Glenwood Kveton observed their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

The next meeting will be on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Visitors are always welcome.  
Loretta Dziadek



I would like to thank all the parents who participated in Parent Orientation. This was a great time for you and your child to meet new parents and to get to know all the teachers who will be in your child's life, teaching them about Jesus Christ.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool has been blessed with teachers who are enthusiastic, dedicated and loving. We all know how important A, B, C's and 1, 2, 3's are, but the most important lesson your child will learn is to know that Jesus loves them.

The Staff of Trinity Lutheran Preschool is excited about the 2013-2014 school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask and we will be happy to answer them. I know this will be a great year with you being involved with your child in the preschool program.

Preschool has a direct line (979)627-7846 and e-mail address [preschool@tlcsealy.org](mailto:preschool@tlcsealy.org).

 **Pancake Breakfast!** The preschool starts off the year by having a Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser! This will take place on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 am - 8:30 am. This is also the day after Grandparents Day. So please invite everyone and have breakfast with your child and make a Love Donation to the preschool. The proceeds from the pancake breakfast help with the cost of teacher training and FBI background checks.

This is a great time for the parents to have that special time with their children and to get to know other parents, teachers and children. What a great way to start off the year! Come and enjoy breakfast Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>.



**Computer Classes to Begin!** Computer lessons are being offered if you are interested. June Harris out of Austin has been giving computer lessons to the children for many years here at Trinity whose parents want them to participate. This will be offered to the three and four year old classes. Ms. June will give four one-half hour lessons for \$45.00 and once completed she will send another form to re-sign and pay for another four sessions. This will take place throughout the year.

Children enjoy playing games on the computer at home, but Ms. June teaches the correct terms and proper way of getting on and off the computer and most important, listening skills.



**Themes!** The themes for the month of September are: Creation/Self/Safety and Grandparents Day. The spiritual emphasis or purpose is to help children discover that the Bible tells us about God and His creation.

The children will also begin to learn letters, numbers, shapes, colors and so much more. But we do not rush a child. We let them learn at their own pace and with help from you at home. And always remember that children learn through play.

The children will start off with the Bible stories during Chapel on how God created the world. Children will learn songs, finger plays and pledges and memorizing Bible verses. Listen to your child and see all the wonderful things they learn in the classroom, in Chapel and while playing.



**911 Safety!** Retired State Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the center on Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to talk to the children about the importance of safety. He will also talk to the children about the importance of seat belt safety and why car seats are very important.

Mr. Gary, as the children call him, will discuss the importance of 911 and stranger danger and what to do in case of an emergency. These are all very important lessons for all children to learn.



**Red/White and Blue Day!** On Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> the children can wear the colors RED/WHITE and BLUE to represent and not forget the 911 tragedy. We are going to focus on the fact that so many heroes came out of 9/11 whether they wanted to be a hero, or not. With all the natural disasters that we have going on in the world, and close to us, people step up and they do the right thing.



**Wear RED Day!** Since the children are learning the color RED for the month, we will have a special color day. On Friday September 13<sup>th</sup>, the children can come to preschool dressed in something RED!



**Back Yard Bash!** On Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>, all the preschoolers will have a BACK YARD BASH Day! Each child needs to bring a sack lunch to preschool and enjoy the day outside playing! This is a great way for all the children to get to know one another, have fun and create memories.

Let's pray that we will have nice weather to enjoy. If not, we will have Trinity's beautiful gym for the children to enjoy their lunch.



**Special Book Week!** Beginning Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, preschool will have Special Book Week! Another way we make reading fun is to have your child bring some of their books from home (please label with name) a pillow, blanket, and favorite stuffed animal. The teacher will read some of the books and let the children share their books while relaxing with their items brought from home. Children can tell each other their story books and open a world of imagination.

Reading is very important in a young child's life. Encouraging reading is important and we try to make it fun! It gives them an opportunity to listen, explore, and imagine what triggers their brain to answer questions after a story is read. Let's get ready to read!



**Treasured Portraits!** Kay Krampitz, from Treasured Portraits, will be here at 8:00 am on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> to take preschool pictures and also group pictures of the children. You will receive a form and all pictures are pre-paid. All forms and money are due by Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>.



**Snacks!** Snacks are not required by the parents but are helpful. If you go shopping and you find a good deal, pick one up for the preschool. You do not need to buy for the entire preschool. If several parents donate snack items then we have enough.

If you would like to donate snacks to the preschool here are some ideas: cheese nips, honey combs, round crackers, pretzels, fruit loops, popcorn, goldfish or whatever you think is a good deal. If anyone goes to Sam's the children and teachers enjoy Nacho Cheese without jalapeños! We appreciate it all! When you go shopping think about the preschool!

If your child is allergic to certain foods, please advise the office and your child's teacher. We do have children with different food allergies. Please ask for a copy of the snack calendar and if your child cannot have this particular snack of the day, please provide a snack for your child.

We thank all the parents who provide snacks for their children who are allergic to some of the snacks that are provided by the preschool. Your help is greatly appreciated!



**Family of the Week!** Family of the week is a program we have that aids children in being able to share their family with everyone at preschool and church. Each week a family will be chosen to be Family of the Week.

What this entails is for your child to bring about seven to ten pictures of their family to be placed on the preschool bulletin board in the gym. Always check your calendar of events to see if it is your turn to be family of

the week. Families of the Week for the month of September are:

**September 9<sup>th</sup>-September 13<sup>th</sup>**

Kimberlee Aguirre  
Jasmin Becerra

**September 16<sup>th</sup>-September 20<sup>th</sup>**

Kylee Bolten  
Carson Bryant

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>-September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Emerson Bubak

**September 30<sup>th</sup>-October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Ella Castillo  
Jacob Cerda

Please bring your pictures to your child's teacher the Friday before your child is family of the week.

**Know the Rules**



**Reinforcement!** Parents, please help the teachers with the rules of the preschool at home. If your child comes home with a behavior report or the teacher lets you know about your child's day and there was inappropriate behavior, please reinforce and talk to your child about what happened at preschool. Please help him/her understand the circumstances of inappropriate and appropriate behavior.

The first two weeks of preschool are rules and manners. Ask your child what are the rules in the classroom, snack time, chapel, playground and gym. When all of us are working together to reinforce the rules, this makes transition easier for your child and the teacher.



**Drills!** The preschool conducts monthly fire drills. This is not to frighten the children but to have them prepared in case of a fire. Other drills conducted every three months are severe weather, reverse evacuation, shelter in place and lock down drills. So if your child comes home and says we had a fire or disaster today you will know why.



**Emergency Preparedness Plan!** Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool is required by state law and has developed an Emergency/Disaster Plan to provide safe care for our children, should an emergency or disaster occur during the program day.

Relocation in case of a disaster will be the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church located at 525 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Sealy, which is in walking distance.

A copy of this plan is always available for review. One copy is located in each classroom. You may come by the preschool office or ask your child's teacher if you would like to review the plan. The plan MUST not leave the classroom.

A Parent/Guardian from each family is asked to sign that they have knowledge and have reviewed the Disaster Preparedness Plan. When you sign the Parent Handbook Contract this is acknowledgment for the state that you are aware of our Disaster Plan.

I would like to thank all the parents in helping with the emergency plan by providing items needed that helps defray the cost to the preschool program.

The food will be donated to the Christian Food Pantry at the end of the year if it was not used for any disaster. This is another way you are helping the preschool and others in the community.

 Day Out! Please notify the preschool office at 627-7846 if your child is not planning to attend due to being sick or just having a wonderful day out spending time together.

**Room Mothers Meeting** – A room mothers meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am.

We will discuss the preparation of the Thanksgiving Dinner Silent Auction Class Projects and help information on party days. Team work is Awesome!

 **Teachers!** Teachers for the 2013-2014 school year are:

- Ms. Tara Ruiz – Two Year Old's
- Ms. Candace Mulvany – Young Three's
- Ms. Beatrice Aguirre – Older Three's
- Ms. Christie Martinez – Young Four's
- Ms. Kristi Flores – Older Four's
- Robin Jacobson – Office Assistant
- Substitute Teacher – Shirley Blair

All of us here at Trinity Lutheran Preschool are dedicated in caring for your child.  
In Christ, Maggie Kent

*In Christ, Ms. Maggie*



**TEACHERS NEEDED**

: If anyone is interested in teaching Sunday school where help is much needed for the 2013-2014 year, please contact Rachael Wolf or any Board of Education member:

Rachael Wolf – [wolf1261@aol.com](mailto:wolf1261@aol.com)  
979-877-0341

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Thanks, Board of Education



**MINUTES OF  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 2013**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President George Wied and opened with prayer. Norma Pavelka presented a devotion from A Daily Walk with God.

Council Members Present: George Wied - President, Dale Toellner - Vice President, Linda Blume - Treasurer, Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair, Fred Paben - Trustee Chair, Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair, Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair, Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair, Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair, Johanna Buechmann - Secretary

Council Members Absent: Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor, Rachel Wolf - Education Chair, Rhonda Pavelka - Youth Chair

Minutes from the July 8, 2013 meeting were presented for review and approval. Dale Toellner made a motion to accept minutes. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Unfinished/Old Business:

\*Lease Agreement was discussed. The Rental Fees are Cleaning Deposit (returned if premises are properly cleaned by lessee) \$100, Kitchen and Gym - Church Members \$200, Upstairs Room - Church Members - \$75, Pre-Set Up - \$100. All rates are for four hours use, from the time the lights/A.C. are turned on. Excess of 4 hours, additional \$100. The facility will not be rented to Non-Members. The Church Member lessee is responsible and must be present in the facility while rented. Council voted on lease agreement and prices and approved.

## Chair Reports:

Linda Blume - Treasurer

\*The July 31, 2013 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$3,710.60, Building Fund is \$50,645.78, Designated Funds is \$48,890.93 and Total - All Funds is \$114,547.31. The General Fund Contributions is \$11,434.46. Total management and general expenses is \$12,136.40. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is (\$701.94).

Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair

\*No report presented.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair

\*No report presented.

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

\*Floors will be waxed this month.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair

\*Newsletters and phone tree will no longer be provided to Life Bridge members.

\*Pastor Franke will be gone August 26th - September 4th and September 9th - September 17th and will be getting replacement. Pastor is planning a Youth Service on Sunday, September 22nd.

Rachel Wolf - Education Chair (not present) \*No report presented.

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair

\*Fellowship lunch planned for Mission Sunday.

Rhonda Pavelka - Youth Chair (not present) \*No report presented.

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

\*No report presented.

Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor (not present) \*No report presented.

Dale Toellner - Vice President

\*Pastoral Call Committee Meeting update. Questionnaire letters were put in everyone's mailbox in the glass hallway to pick up. Maggie emailed everyone regarding the letters. The next meeting will be postponed until September.

President Wied called for a motion to approve the Chair Reports. Motion was made by Fred Paben to

accept the Chair Reports as presented. Dale Toellner seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

## New Business:

\*Correspondence to church - Letter from Adult Protective Services about the services they provide.  
\*Request to use the Fellowship Center - Maggie Kent requested to use facility on September 28th for Austin County Child Care Conference. Council okayed to use.

\*Preschool Board member Monika Foltz resigned from the board. Melinda Schiller replaced Monika on the board.

\*Nominations Committee - comprised of Pastor Franke, 1 Elder, 1 Council Member (Ruth Szymanski) and 2 Congregation Members \*Budgets from each committee due by next council meeting.  
\*Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, October 27th.

\*BBQ Post Meeting will be September 8th after church. No final figures were in yet.

\*Discussion on changing the times for Fellowship, Sunday School/Bible Study and Church. Times will not be changed.

\*Discussion on putting a Thank You in the newspaper and on web site for supporting the BBQ. Council agreed to do this.

\*No further new business.

There being no further business, President Wied called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Dale Toellner to adjourn meeting. All seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be on Monday, September 9th. George Wied closed with prayer.

*George Wied - President*

*Johanna Buechmann - Secretary*

## **SOME WAYS TO GROW**

### **❖ GROW IN YOUR DEVOTIONS**

◆ Spend 15 minutes or more each day in prayer and Bible reading. Get up a little earlier if necessary or take 15 minutes at your lunch break -- or during the evening news!

◆ Read one Psalm a day. You may want to read the thirty Psalms of the second book of Psalms, starting with Psalm 42 and going through Psalm 72.

◆ Use your choice of family or private devotional material: “Portals of Prayer,” “My Devotion,” a Lenten booklet, or some other devotional book.

### ❖ **GROW IN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD**

◆ Refresh your memory of Luther's Small Catechism, the chief parts and explanations.

◆ Use "Christian Questions with their Answers" from Luther's Small Catechism as you prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Altar.

◆ Be faithful in a Bible study or Bible class attendance.

### ❖ **GROW IN YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE**

◆ Call, write, or visit someone with whom you have had a ‘falling out’ to apologize for hard feelings, to extend forgiveness, and to affirm your friendship.

◆ Use a list of concerns and individuals who need your prayers. Review and update it daily; include prayers of thanks for God’s blessings.

◆ Thank God for those who brought you to Baptism and prayed for you through Confirmation Instruction. If they are still living, thank them! Review your Confirmation verse.

◆ Consider your actions toward others. Do they reflect the goodness of your gracious God?

